

HOME NEWS

—Fine stationery at the drug store.

—The lay in Randolph county is the same as in this.

—Mr. C. Fennell, of Mingo, Randolph county, is visiting in Marlinton.

—A fine line of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipes and smokers articles at E. H. Smith's.

—Wm. Langworthy, Esq., met with a painful accident at Nimrod Hall, in Bath county, from his horse falling with him.

—Dr. J. H. Weymouth, of Beverly has been appointed one of the Dental Examiners for this State, by the Board of Public Works.

—Mrs. Wm. T. McClintic and family, of Beverly, while returning from a visit to friends at Green Bank, were overturned in their carriage, Mrs. McClintic being hurt.

—Preparations are being made to manufacture \$200,000 bricks for the court house. Webster county is building a court house to cost about \$15,000. Its walls are of stone.

—Clover Creek is a stream of perhaps ten miles in length. It flows in a peculiar direction so that one can stand at its extreme head, and see where it empties into the river.

—Since the dry spell came on the wells are being run by engines in search of water. The drought is universal throughout the county, though Green Bank seems to be burnt up the worst.

—Several deer have lately come to their death, by unknown means, at a deer lick near Green Bank. A number of men have been watching the watering places, as deer come regularly when the moon is full.

—Dr. J. W. Price has received his appointment from the State Board of Health as the Executive Officer of the Board of Health for Pocahontas county, in connection with J. C. Arbogast and J. M. McNeal.

—On Anthony's Creek, within the radius of three miles, live three persons who are almost centenarians. Mrs. Wiley and Mr. Neff are each 97 years old, and Uncle Jimmy Coulter who will outwalk much younger men, is 91.

—On Back Alleghany is to be seen potatoes growing from a heap of sawdust. There is an immense pile of sawdust, still bright and fresh looking, where a portable saw mill once set. The crop is planted in regular rows, and looks as though it would make a fair yield.

—The "Black Hole," near Split Rock, is mentioned in some histories as being a most remarkable natural curiosity of the county. The was of a black, tar-like hue, and was supposed to be unfathomable. The water, however, has disappeared, and nothing very remarkable remarkable remains except a hole of considerable depth.

—Mr. E. D. King has reason to believe that there is a plot against the peace and dignity of the State. Among a lot of hardware ordered by him, he found a box which was full of cartridges and which contained three pairs of brass knucks. Brass knucks are a sort of metallic boxing gloves, and are considered most dangerous weapons.

—It has been our pleasure to see some beautiful stalactites from the cave on Capt. Walt. Allan's place, on Clover Creek. This cave has been only partially explored. Lately some parties went some seventy feet under ground, and explored some large chambers. Their lights were insufficient, and they came to the surface without having made a complete exploration. Sounds of a running stream as large as our largest creeks were heard.

—A correspondent wants to know how the word "we" should be used in writing for newspapers. Koscoe Conkling in Chicago Inter Ocean, some years ago, says that "editors, kings and people with tape worm, are the only class holding the prerogative to use the personal pronoun 'we' when reaching out for notoriety and fame through the columns of a public journal.

—A farmer in this county has a novel way of handicapping little pigs from going through small holes in the fence. He has put a triangular yoke on every one. The yoke is made by fitting a crossbar on a forked stick and letting the sharpened point extend above the pig's back some eight inches. To see the yokes above the grass which hides the pigs, reminds one of an army of miniature soldiers carrying lances.

—We have been informed that the St. Lawrence Co. is building a large splash dam at the mouth of Spring Creek to enable them to float their logs into Boncove, so the mill there may be started. The men are working for their board. It depends a great deal on the time when the logs now in the river are driven in, as to whether the lumber camps in this county will be in operation next winter or not. It would be no small calamity if the lumbering industry of this country should come to a stand still.

—About thirty choice spirits from Green Bank, Dunmore, and Traveler's Repose, together with Ed., Paris, and Walker Yeager, of Marlinton, attended a picnic at Cheat Bridge lately. Dancing was kept up to fiddle and banjo from 10 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Grand dinners were provided at Mr. Scott Woodford's and Mr. Steele's for the party. The following day all went to see Mr. G. A. Keller's elk and moose horns, brought from the Rocky Mountains. The thanks of the party are due Mr. Bob Brown, of Green Bank, for getting up such a pleasant party.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Lacy preached at Clover Lick last Sunday, and on Tuesday, at Marlinton. Dr. Lacy's home is now in Lynchburg.

Meetings of more than usual importance were held at Mt. Pleasant, near Edray, and at Mt. Vernon, near Frost, last Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place will have for its topic next Sunday, "The Lost Coin; the joy of finding the lost." Luke 15:8-10.

Rev. Bittinger, of Huttonsville, will preach at Marlinton, on the evening of the 23d inst.

The Marlinton Church building has been greatly improved by the addition of the tower recently erected.

Married.

Or Swago, by Rev. Wm. T. Price, at the residence of the bride's parents, July 18th, Mr. Henry Piles, of Beaver Creek, and Miss Mary Virginia Moran.

The ceremony was somewhat out of the ordinary manner, as the groom is deaf and dumb. A paper was handed him having the vow written, to which he most impressively responded.

George Dotson, who raided A. M. McLaughlin's granary, was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary.

Notice.

Large oaks from small acorns spring—Small accounts, large amounts is sure to bring.

Therefore, I would say to those knowing themselves indebted to me to please give me a little CASH by July 25th, as it takes money to move the world, and every little helps; and will be greatly appreciated. Anxiously waiting.

I sincerely remain,

P. GOLDIN.

These beautiful words are from

The jury to try Henry Douglas disagreed, and he will be tried again in November.

PERSONAL.

J. W. Hill is sick at Charlottesville, Va., with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Crummett is convalescing from her recent severe indisposition.

Mr. Hamrick, near Marvin, has gone for medical attention to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Mr. Daniel Kellison, one of the oldest residents on Dry Creek, is about well from a severe illness.

Mr. Withrow McClintic has just returned from Philadelphia, whither he took quite a drove of fat cattle and lambs.

Mrs. Jennie Kinnison, on Dry Branch, is very ill, much sympathy is felt for this good woman in her affliction.

Samuel Woods, Esq., and family, of Mingo, passed through Marlinton on their return from an extended visit in Virginia.

Miss Hattie Patterson, of Marlinton, and Miss Mary Brown, of Green Bank, are visiting Mrs. Amanda Campbell, at Monterey.—Highland Recorder.

C. W. Beard is summering on Williams' river, for his health. He rented a large boundary of land there in the spring, and has about 650 sheep on the range.

The meeting of the Teachers Institute is anticipated with much pleasure by our people. The impression made last year reflected great credit on the Pocahontas teachers. The people of our county are to be congratulated that so many worthy persons devote themselves to this important profession.

County Court.

(Continued.)

Jas. McLaughlin appointed road surveyor, instead of John Galford. Wm. Reay re-appointed surveyor of roads.

L. M. McClintic appointed commissioner to sell the old court house and jail at Huntersville, at public auction, to the highest bidder, after executing a bond in the sum of \$2,000.

Mr. Amos Barlow, one of the commissioners of this court, enters of record that he dissents and objects to the making new contract for building new court house and jail, and the selling of the old court house and jail in Huntersville, and to levying levy to build a court house.

S. H. Clark is appointed commissioner to examine the condition of the paupers at the poor farm.

Mrs. Jane Gillespie Arbogast

It becomes our duty to record the decease of a greatly esteemed lady, Mrs. JANE GILLESPIE ARBOGAST, relict of William Arbogast, Esq.

She died at the home of Mrs. Dr. Moomau, Green Bank, July 17th, in the 84th year of her life, having been born December 31st, 1810.

She was a member of the Tallman family, and at an early age was married to William Arbogast, who was for many years a prominent citizen in our county, and a very successful man of business.

About 45 years since she became a widow, and was called on to manage the interests of a large estate and provide for her children. Her success in this respect was remarkable, and "her children rise up and call her blessed." Her daughters were Mrs. Maupin, now deceased, Mrs. Isaac Moore and Mrs. Dr. Moomau. Her sons, Franklin and Maj. J. C. Arbogast, are prominent citizens. Washington, a most estimable person, died in the Confederate service, leaving a youthful wife and two little children.

Mrs. Arbogast was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church since her youth, and at her home many visiting ministers for the past sixty years found a cordial and bountiful welcome.

Sweetly and peacefully her long and useful life has closed. Her soul has returned to rest, for God dealt bountifully with her.

"With us her name shall live Through long succeeding years, Embalmed with all our hearts can give. Our praises and our tears."

EDITOR OF POCAHONTAS TIMES:

As a fair minded man I protest against the action of the county court of last week in ordering the old court house and jail at Huntersville to be sold. At a time like this when a vote is to be taken upon the removal to Huntersville such a step makes our district feel a sense of injustice. We have petitioned an election because we believe a large majority want to see the county seat re-established at Huntersville, and this action of the court was unexpected and we consider it anything but fair play. We demand that the court wait until a final result is reached before confirming any sale of this public property. Frost, W. Va. XXX.

The Chapter on Snakes This Week.

Four copperheads were killed under one lumber pile in this town the other day.

A local member reports having seen a fight between a black-snake and a rattle-snake. The black-snake was seen circling around the rattler, and was struck several times. The black snake was swelling visibly, when he suddenly caught the rattler in his coils and wrapped him completely, the two snakes rising to a perpendicular position. Another moment the rattler was left on the ground with every bone in his body broken, and it seemed as though the black-snake would not survive him long, as he had swelled so much. However, the black-snake hurried to a certain sort of weed and commenced eating of it rapidly, and in a few moments the swelling had abated. The narrator of this wonderful event says that he has noted the weed, which is a very common one, so that he will be able to use it when snake bitten.

Another story was about a citizen some years ago binding up a lively rattler in a sheaf of wheat, by accident, so tight that the snake died. It is a very common sight to see dead rattle snakes in our roads, this season.

Green Bank.

We are having dry weather, and water is getting scarce. Grass is burning.

On the 6th instant as Mrs. W. T. McClintic and children were on their way to P. D. Yeager's, on their return home, their team became unmanageable and ran the buggy over the road and upset it. It turned over twice, hurting Miss Gracie Hull no little and some of the children. The buggy will go to the blacksmith shop for repairs.

Mr. Cleek, of Bath county, Va., was in our place last week.

There is a move being made to repair the Greenbank Church soon, which is a move in the right direction.

James Patterson is off to Marlinton today (Monday).

Misses Hattie Patterson and Mary Brown made a visit to Highland county, Va., last week.

T. J. Williams was in our village last Monday on business.

Prof. J. T. Vappelt will start a singing class at Dunmore and Traveler's Repose this week in connection with the one at this place. Friday and Saturday at this place, Wednesday and Thursday at Dunmore, and Monday and Tuesday at Traveler's Repose—at night, at all the points named.

J. S. Fisher, photographer, will start Thursday for Monterey, Va., where he will stop a while.

CROAKER.

Dunmore.

Died at Dr. J. P. Moomaus this morning, July 17th, Mrs. Jane Arbogast, aged 84 years. She was the mother of Major J. C. Arbogast, W. F. Arbogast, Mrs. Isaac Moore and Mrs. Dr. J. P. Moomau. She was a good kind mother, a christian lady, and will be missed by those who knew her.

Rev. W. T. Price will preach at Dunmore Sunday morning.

We had the pleasure of listening to two of the ablest sermons on Sunday last at Clover Lick, by Rev. Dr. Lacy, that he has delivered in this county for some time.

Attorney Andrew Price was in town today.

Attorney Rucker and family passed through town yesterday from a fish up the river.

Miss Otie Cackley left for home today.

J. F. Vappelt's singing school commences at this place Wednesday night. Let all come.

John A. Taylor returned to Academy today.

We find the Clover Creek road in a worse condition than since the war. T. S.

Dilley's Mill.

There is at this writing an universal drouth. Corn and grass injured; and a few days ago frost was seen. By the bounty of God frost is given, and the question will be why it is so when God threatened to execute judgment against "all the Gods of Egypt." It meant a great deal more than we quite appreciate. It is always safe to be under God's care.

Dr. W. S. Grimes has returned from his visit in Pocahontas and Highland to his home in Iowa. He has been a physician for twenty-two years. Was the only brother in his brothers estate, and is quite wealthy.

Mrs. Geo. Bambrick and Miss Bertie Gibson are attending the famous springs in Addison. We wish them a pleasant time, and reach home much improved.

There seems to be a commotion among the tax payers of this county. We hope the might with the right will prevail.

There was one green apple found under an apple tree near Ellis Buzzard's house, with a piece cut out of the apple and poison found in it. The piece was replaced to conceal the poison.

Peter Buzzard will soon pass away if no change takes place soon. He is the last one of that generation, and is now near ninety. His two daughters, Virginia Philips and Martha Hedrick, from Parkersburg and Grafton, are visiting their father at this writing.

Dr. J. M. Barnett passed through this part a few days ago, to see Willie Harper, on Greenbrier river.

One of our young men while returning from a pleasant call and over persuasive to see his "Betty," saw a very large bear near the headwaters of Brown's Creek. So, boys, look out; this night traveling won't do.

Some of our boys have been fishing, but always come back very much discouraged.

Our boss fisherman, H. J. Dilley, caught fifteen very large bass the other day. He says they must come when he goes.

ANONYMOUS.

Lobelia.

Dry and dusty and the corn is withering up. Some of the farmers are looking over the meadows, and are getting a few straws. H. L. Casebolt will finish this week.

Wheat all stacked, and crops pretty good. No apples. Plenty of blackberries in the mountains. Get your moccasins greased and come out and we will get a bear.

Mrs. Henry Casebolt, who fell from a cherry tree on June 30th, has recovered from the effects of the fall.

Hon. D. A. Peck is improving. Murray Bruffey, of Snow Hill, Nicholas county, is visiting on the creek.

Remember, boys, that you can get a square meal at M. for 25 cents; it is 50 cents at H. Stick to the west side and we will come out the best. OBSERVER.

PRENDERGAST died famous. He has illustrated how a man who, felt himself ignored and insulted by the neglect of the world, may by one stroke, lift himself to the very pinnacle of a sort of notoriety. We need a Bastille for such criminals, and a law against their advertisement.

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